



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Summerlike temperature with Dry Weather Continues

Maryland and Delaware continue to have summerlike temperatures with dry weather. The dry conditions allowed **days suitable for fieldwork** to be **7.0** days in Delaware and **6.7** days in Maryland for the week ending September 21, 2008. Soil moisture was mostly rated short to adequate in Delaware with some areas rated at very short. Soil moisture was mostly rated short to adequate in Maryland. **Pasture** conditions in Maryland was rated poor to good while Delaware was rated very poor to fair.

Alfalfa hay harvest continued in both States. The third cutting was complete and the fourth cutting was 63 percent complete in Maryland and 55 percent complete in Delaware. **Corn** condition continues to be fair to good in Maryland while in Delaware it is mostly fair. Corn harvest made good progress last week as Maryland growers have harvested 38 percent of the crop for grain and Delaware was at 26 percent complete. Both states have just started harvesting soybeans. The **soybean** condition varied from very poor to good in Maryland while in Delaware the soybean condition was mostly poor to fair.

The **apple** harvest was 26 percent complete in Delaware and 70 percent complete in Maryland. Harvest of all the major fruit and vegetable crops continued as the season was winding down.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Alfalfa Hay, 4th cutting	63	52	82	56	55	28	44	48
Alfalfa Hay, 5 th cutting	3	0	1	1	0	0	4	1
Apples, harvested	70	59	72	58	26	20	48	45
Barley, planted	12	0	15	6	4	0	4	2
Cantaloups, harvested	97	93	95	95	98	96	90	92
Corn, dent	93	88	96	90	99	95	99	98
Corn, mature	80	68	81	71	83	75	87	85
Corn, harvested for grain	38	27	28	21	26	15	34	35
Corn, harvested for silage	82	65	0	58	66	44	0	64
Cucumbers, harvested	95	91	93	91	93	90	91	92
Lima Beans, harvested	72	61	64	72	64	58	56	66
Other Hay, 3 rd cutting	78	76	55	66	64	61	76	92
Other Hay, 4 th cutting	15	13	8	11	2	1	0	17
Snap Beans, harvested	91	90	91	93	92	89	95	96
Soybeans, turning color	66	48	61	48	43	26	55	49
Soybeans, dropping leaves	40	28	28	22	30	19	30	28
Soybeans, harvested	2	0	0	1	2	0	1	1
Sweet Corn, harvested	96	92	92	93	96	93	93	91
Tomatoes, harvested	94	91	91	90	93	89	90	91
Watermelons, harvested	99	94	96	93	97	95	90	94
Winter wheat, planted	7	0	0	2	0	0	0	0

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Corn	2	16	36	35	11	7	21	46	17	9
Pasture	5	24	38	31	2	34	32	31	3	0
Soybeans	19	19	25	30	7	13	32	44	8	3

VP-Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX-Excellent

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

Maryland					Delaware			
Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last
	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week
Very Short	4	1	9	6	13	13	38	40
Short	41	31	41	43	41	45	55	53
Adequate	54	67	50	51	46	42	7	7
Surplus	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
		Since Jan 1					
	Total		Depart				Depart
	this		From				from
	Week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	0.88	30.67	2.91	88	55	73	-1
Frederick	1.40	32.81	6.35	87	57	70	2
Frostburg	2.98	37.33	4.28	85	54	64	-2
Hagerstown	0.87	23.42	-2.79	88	57	71	0
Mechanicsville	0.57	31.38	0.57	88	60	72	-1
Patuxent River	0.63	30.54	1.84	89	65	75	3
Ocean City	0.08	24.56	-6.92	90	56	76	4
Salisbury	0.76	27.80	-3.74	90	48	74	1
Sharpsburg	1.08	31.74	5.18	89	54	70	2
Stevensville	0.20	35.68	6.93	87	58	72	-2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.67	33.53	7.35	92	68	77	2
Delaware							
Dover	0.34	23.06	-6.95	89	55	73	-1
Georgetown	0.18	19.19	-11.43	93	54	76	4
Wilmington	0.06	25.52	-2.37	87	57	73	1

^{1/}Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.
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